

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (previously presented) A pre-stressed girder comprising upper and lower flanges interconnected by a body portion; the girder defining a lengthwise direction and including an open area disposed intermediate opposite longitudinal ends of the girder, the open area being accessible in a lateral direction relative to the longitudinal direction; a plurality of steel wires provided in the lengthwise direction of the girder; a first plurality of the wires being pre-tensioned; a second plurality of the wires being substantially non-tensioned and connected to a coupling member disposed within the open area; at least one of the substantially non-tensioned wires extending from the coupling member to one of the longitudinal ends of the girder and at least one of the substantially non-tensioned wires extending from the coupling member to the other of the opposite longitudinal ends; the coupling member including an adjustable tensioning structure accessible through the open area to produce, in the substantially non-tensioned wires, a tension which extends from one of the opposite longitudinal ends of the girder to the other of the longitudinal ends thereof.

11. (previously presented) The pre-stressed girder according to claim 10 wherein the coupling member has holes formed therethrough through which respective ones of the substantially non-tensioned wires extend and are secured by wedges.

12. (previously presented) The pre-stressed girder according to claim 10 wherein the substantially non-tensioned wires are disposed within one of the upper and lower flanges.

13. (previously presented) The pre-stressed girder according to claim 10 wherein there are three substantially non-tensioned wires, two of which extending to one of the longitudinal ends and the other extending to the other longitudinal end and situated between the two substantially non-tensioned wires.